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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent
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On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
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S. CHOU, Agent.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [382]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
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CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
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RESERVE FUND £275,000
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent per
annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 2nd June, 1897. [31]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Paid up Capital £324,374
HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.
Court of Directors:—
D. Gillics, Esq.
J. T. Lau, Esq. Chow Tang Shiang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per
Cent. per Annum.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [3]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$8,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

Court of Directors:
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Manager:
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BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1898. [6]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per
Cent. per Annum.

Depositors may withdraw at their option
balances of \$100 or more in the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT AT 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

MASONIC.
PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the
16th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1898. [1013]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(cont.)

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS
JAPAN, &c. Java J. Chelwe, R.N.R. About 14th May ... Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI Parramatta C. F. Preston, R.N.R. About 14th May ... Freight or Passage.
LONDON Formosa A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R. About 14th May ... Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c. Coromandel F. N. Tillard No. 14th May ... Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c. Rohilla S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R. Daylight, 15th May. Freight or Passage.
LONDON Candia G. K. Wright, R.N.R. About 19th May ... Freight only.
(Passing through the Island Sea). [See Special Advertisement].

For further particulars apply to

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent,

Hongkong, 9th May, 1898. [5]

TRY THE

CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

CLUB.

(cont.)

THIS FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY has been before the public for over two years and
the steadily increasing sale proves that the BEST AT THE PRICE will always succeed.

This Whisky is imported direct from the Distilleries and bottled here, so all intermediate
profits are saved.
It is the best Whisky at the price on the market. If you are a judge try it yourself, if not
take it on our recommendation and you will not regret it.

PRICE \$12 per dozen.

H. PRICE & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1898. [20]

THE

CLUB HOTEL,
LIMITED.

(cont.)

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and
supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all
Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the comfort of visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36]

FROM
"IRISH DAILY INDEPENDENT."
FEBRUARY 24th, 1898.

There is to be a new Irish invasion of the House of Commons. So many
people have of late demanded Sir JOHN POWER & CO'S IRISH WHISKEY,
that the Kitchen Committee have, I am given to understand, made up their
minds that the sale of spirituous liquors in the Palace of Westminster (one
of which is to be increased by the illegal supply of popular measures of that well-
known Dublin brand. The agitation for the inclusion of Power's Whiskey in
the list of liquors supplied at the House bars was, I may mention, started so
far back as the beginning of last session. It was purely a matter of taste, not
of trade, and up to the present date Sir JOHN POWER & Co. were in blank
ignorance of the whole affair."

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,
Sole Agents for
POWER'S IRISH WHISKEY.

W. POWELL & CO.

(cont.)

NEW STOCK OF
GENTLEMEN'S STRAW HATS.
MFR. WHITE AND COLOURED.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1898. [614]

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT,
MANUFACTURERS OF THE
BEST QUALITIES OF ASBESTOS GOODS AND PACKINGS,
HYDRAULIC AND SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS OF ALL KINDS,
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS,
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION OF THE BEST QUANTITIES,
ESTIMATES GIVEN FOR EVERY DESCRIPTION OF WORK,
SUPERINTENDENT THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

PEAK HOTEL.

1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminal. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION,
Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and
numerous Islands. Cool southern breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-
East winds in winter.
Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

J. MARCESSE, Chef de Cuisine.

GEO. J. CASANOVA,
Manager.

CRAIGIEBURN will be open on June 1st for terms apply to
MANAGER, PEAK HOTEL.
CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street. [28]

DON'T BE BLIND

TO YOUR OWN INTERESTS

BUT FREELY USE

"ESSETS" FLUID

A PERFECT DISINFECTING FLUID (NON-POISONOUS).

MORE POWERFUL THAN PURE CARBOLIC ACID.

A SURE PREVENTIVE OF ALL KINDS OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

IS A MOST POWERFUL INSECTICIDE, GERMICIDE, AND DISINFECTANT.

Solo Agents: WATKINS & CO. [14]

W. BREWER & CO.

INDIAN CIGARS.

STILL THE SAME PRICE

JAVAS NO. 1 \$2.25 per 100

\$2 per 1,000

A REALLY FINE SMOKE.

Under Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, 7th May, 1898. [16]

CHAMPAGNE.

G. H. MUNN & CO. \$35.50 \$37.50

WHISKY.

DEWAR'S "IMPERIAL INSTITUTE" \$10.50

McCREADIE'S "SPECIALLY SELECTED" \$10.50

PORT WINE.

GUEDES "3 GRAPE" BRAND \$24.00

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents, Praya Central.

33] THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE

MANUFACTURERS OF

WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.

Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER.

TAN SAN.

FLETCHER & CO. and CARMICHAEL & CO.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under
the powers conferred by the Special
Resolution passed and confirmed on the 5th
and 25th days of June, 1897, the undersigned
General Managers did on the 30th day of April,
1898, make a call of \$2.50 per share on account
of the price of the new shares, issued in pursu-
ance of such resolution, and a call of \$1.50 on
account of the premium for each such share
and that such calls are PAYABLE AT
THE OFFICES OF THE GENERAL MANAGERS, NO. 9, PIERS
CENTRAL, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, OR OR BEFORE THE
31st MAY, 1898.

Upon payment of such calls and production
of the certificates for the shares, in respect
of which the same are paid, a note of the payment
will be indorsed on the certificates.

Dated the 2nd day of May, 1898.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

591] NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A UNION INURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

A MERICAN CITIZENS residing in the
COLONIAL DISTRICT OF CANTON, which
includes SANSHUI, WUCHOW, MACAO,
SWATOW, HOIHOW, and PAKHOI, are
REQUESTED TO REGISTER AT THE CONSULATE
either personally or by certificate setting forth
the date and place of birth and last residence in
the United States.

The advantages of registration are obvious
and may prove of value in time of need.

There is no fee or charge for registration.

EDWARD BEDDOE,
U.S. CONSUL.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1898. [154]

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

A UNION INURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, CHINA, 1st February, 1898. [240]

PHRENOLOGY AND SCIENTIFIC
PALMISTRY.

MRS. JOSEPH NORTH, Phrenologist
and Scientific Palmist has returned to
Hongkong FOR A SHORT SEASON ONLY.

Consultations daily between 10 A.M. and 6 P.M.
at GLENDALE BUILDINGS (Mrs. GILDAULD'S).

Advice to Businessmen, Health & Marriage
Evening Parties and "At Home" attended.

Mrs. NORTH can also be seen in the Evening
after

Today's
Advertisements.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL,
TO-MORROW,
(FRIDAY), 13th May, 1898,
AT
5.30 P.M.

VOCAL RECITAL
FIRST AND ONLY APPEARANCE
OF

MR. SYDNEY H. MORSE.

whose beautiful and well-trained voice has carried quite a storm wherever he has appeared.

Mr. Morse will sing the following selections:

"The Bogart Maid" Bambi.

"Come into the Garden, My Lad" Ball.

"Walking" Greig.

"Echo" Lord H. Somerset.

"A Vision" Lehman.

"Flora Macdonald's Lament" L.

ADMISSION \$1

Tickets at ROBINSON'S Music Store.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1898 [621]

WANTED.

FOR Shanghai, a qualified BOOKKEEPER having practical Knowledge of ENGINEER'S ACCOUNTS.

Apply to

"E.S."

c/o Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1898 [622]

LOST.

A BULL TERRIER DOG—White with Black spot on neck—answers to the name of "SPORT." Anyone bringing the same to the Undersigned will be suitably rewarded.

C. P. CHATER.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1898 [619]

THE LANCASTER SHIOPWNERS CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

EGREMONT CASTLE,

being expected to arrive from the above Ports on or about the 16th inst. consignees of Cargo are kindly requested to communicate with the Undersigned as to the taking delivery of their Goods. The steamer being under general average an average bond has to be signed previous to delivery of any Cargo.

HARLING BUSCHMANN & MENZELL.

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1898 [618]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA, (FLORIO & KUATTINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY, Having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUZU, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA.

ALSO

VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD,

ALSO

BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

BORMIDA.

Captain Barabito, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 15th instant, at Noon.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1898 [620]

THE LANCASTER SHIOPWNERS CO., LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

THE Steamship

EGREMONT CASTLE,

will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 18th instant.

For Freight, apply to

HARLING BUSCHMANN & MENZELL.

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1898 [623]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

CHINGTU,

Captain Jones, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1898 [609]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE.

THE Steamship

TRISTE,

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are hereby landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 17th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 17th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be forwarded by

SANDER, WILKIN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1898 [617]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

Lemonade.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

R ASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MISSES and other Large Consumers.

My complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897 [30]

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Letters on Editorial subjects should be sent to "The Editor" and not to the "Advertiser."

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinners and After Dinners. Wines of very superior Vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clares, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape, and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands, in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1898.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

AMERICAN TROOPS FOR MANILA.

London, May 10th.

A force of 5,000 men is assembling at San Francisco, and will embark for Manila.

VOTE OF THANKS TO COMMODORE DEWEY.

Congress has passed a vote of thanks to Commodore Dewey.

MINOR NAVAL ACTION OFF CUBA.

The United States torpedo vessel *Winslow* fought a brilliant engagement, of minor importance, off Cardenas, tackling three Spanish gun-boats and disabling one, herself escaping unscathed.[The *Winslow* does not appear in the 1897 "Brassey's."]

RIOTING IN SPAIN.

Serious rioting has occurred in many parts of Spain.

THE SIERRA LEONE TROUBLE.

Mr. Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons that the reports of the riots at Sierra Leone were greatly exaggerated and that it was not intended to despatch European troops.

(From *Tribune Papers*.)

DEARNESS OF FOOD IN FRANCE.

CORN DUTIES SUSPENDED.

PARIS, May 4th.

The duty on wheat has been abated until the 1st of July on account of the sudden increase in the price of food stuffs which threatens to cause trouble throughout the country.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

P.C. McDONALD, who has been in hospital with plague has been discharged and is now having a spell off duty to regain his strength.

INSPECTOR Duncan had some more possessors of unjust weights at the Police Court to-day and fines of \$10 to \$50 were inflicted.

Last evening P.C. McHardy, 50, was suddenly taken ill at the Central Station and was sent to the Government Civil Hospital. He is reported to be suffering from fever.

THE City of Peking, bought by the American Government to transport troops to Manila, arrived at San Francisco on the 9th Inst. and will make its appearance in the streets of the city on the 1st of July.

For neglecting to report a case of plague at West Point a woman was to-day fined \$10. A man, for similar neglect, at No. 13 Kennedy Street, was also fined a like amount.

The funeral of the murdered man, Mr. F. X. de Jesus took place at Happy Valley last evening and was very largely attended by the Portuguese members of the community. The coffin was borne in a glass-panelled bier and many handsome floral wreaths and crosses were presented at the graves by friends and relatives.

On the application of Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., the sentence of fourteen days' hard labour imposed on a Chinese resident of Gongh Street for insolence to Capt. May was reduced to a fine of \$5. The man simply apologised and said he had no intention of insulting the officer.

During the past few months some 700 brass bottles, used in filtration work, have been missed from the Taikoo Sugar Refinery. At 4 a.m. to-day a crook was caught on the works by a watchman with eight of the bottles secreted on his person. He was handed over to P.C. Patterson and to-day was sentenced to six weeks in Gaol.

Some artificers from Lyceum Fort got on a spree yesterday and entered a Chinese shop. One of them asked to be shown a watch chain and forthwith put it in his pocket. The police were informed and the culprit, Bomberd Weal, was arrested. He was given a good character by one of his officers and as it was his first offence he was fined \$5.

The capture of the Waihsing lottery firm by Chief Detective Inspector Hanson and other officers was a smart piece of work and they are to be complimented thereon. The culprits seem to have been doing business on a large scale and as they had abundant means their arrest was a matter that, to be effective, required little skill and tact. As reported last evening, Capt. Hastings gave them the full penalty.

MURKIN, John D. Humphreys & Son, general managers of Oliver's Freehold Mines, Limited, inform us that they have received a telegram from Mr. Hart Buck, who is down at the mines to the effect that a crushing of 675 tons of stone from Eureka has resulted in 6 tons. The miners are to be given a half day off work to remove the stones.

The miners are entitled to obtain a master's certificate from the Board of Trade of this country, while the British applicant, who makes a declaration of ownership in a British Consul-house in respect of even the smallest craft, must swear that he has never taken the oath of allegiance to any foreign State.

The inequality of the conditions as applied to masters and mates' certificates is not, however, so glaring as that which characterizes the operation of the pilotage laws as between this and other countries. As an instance, it may be stated that the master of a foreign vessel may bring her through British waters, and fly his pilot colours, right under the eyes of men who have passed the Trinity House examination, and who pay their three guineas annually for license and pilotage. Even the masters of the Netherlands mail steamers are their own pilots, and may bring their vessels in and out of British ports with the full exemption.

On the other hand, if a British vessel goes to Holland, Belgium

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He also reports that two hundred thousand of the Cuban peasantry have died of starvation.

ROWDISH IN CONGRESS.

The Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate has reported that the *Mánes* was destroyed by either an official act of the Spanish authorities, or gross negligence equivalent to a criminal action. In the House of Representatives there was a disgraceful scene of wild disorder in the debate on the President's message regarding Cuba. The members fought and rashed the sides of the house like madmen. Opprobrious appellations were exchanged by the members, who called each other "liars" and "scoundrels." Heavy bows were flung about, and the Speaker, who vainly tried to restore order by appealing to the members not to disgrace Congress, was hissed. The London *Times*, in commenting on the occurrence, says that it is unfortunate that such scenes have disgraced an Assembly when discussing a great national issue, and claiming to act as an avenger of wrong.

NEW YORK, April,

A dispatch to the *World* from Madrid says: The Ambassadors of five great European powers—France, Germany, Russia, Italy and Austria—have diplomatically informed the Government of Spain that a war with the United States can only be avoided in their judgment, by Spain yielding. The Ambassadors of Europe have advised extreme concessions to the United States. They have appealed to Spain's pride, noble self-sacrifice, and self-interest. They mean that she must abandon Cuba.

The Ambassadors of the same powers called upon President McKinley in Washington in the interests of peace as a matter of form. There was possibly no expectation, no hope that the United States would receive one inch of its vital demand—that Spain must give up Cuba. But the powers may have felt that as they were about to use coercion in Madrid, it would be diplomatic to make a demonstration in Washington at the same time.

There are reasons to believe that the powers have made extraordinary propositions to Spain. They have said in effect that if she should make such concessions to the United States as they believed to be necessary the powers of Europe would guarantee her against war, both external and internal. The powers would delegate to one of their own number, Austria, whose throne is closely allied to the throne of Spain by the ties of blood, the duty of defending Spain against any internal foes that might arise as a menace to the dynasty as a result of yielding to the demands of the United States.

In plain English, this means that Austrian troops would, if necessary, be sent to Spain to maintain order and to suppress civil war. The Austrian troops would have behind them the allied moral and physical forces of Europe. The Papal Nuncio, who has been repeatedly to the palace in the last twenty-four hours, is believed to be in sympathy with this programme.

LONDON, April 9th.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says: How seriously the situation is understood here is shown by the fact that court circles already believe that Queen Regent Christina may soon return to her native land.

Sole preparations are already making at the palace of her brother.

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